

the bipartisan leadership in both the House and the Senate, would be the first commemorative coin dated 2001 and would mark the 200th anniversary of the United States Capitol building in which we now stand. Proceeds would be used to help build a Capitol Visitors Center.

Also authorized in this bill is a coin dated 2004 to commemorate the bicentennial of the start of another epic discovery expedition, this one the 8,000-mile trek by Merriwether Lewis and William Clark, with the backing of President Thomas Jefferson, through land that is now part of the States of Illinois, Missouri, Kansas, Nebraska, Iowa, North Dakota, South Dakota, Montana, Idaho, Washington, and Oregon. The gentleman from Nebraska (Mr. BEREUTER) has been a tireless and persuasive sponsor of this initiative.

As my colleagues may recall, similar versions of the Leif Ericson and Lewis and Clark bills passed this chamber under suspension in both this and the last Congress, and the Congressional Budget Office has scored all the coins as budget neutral.

In conclusion, Mr. Speaker, I would like to express my appreciation for the thoughtful judgment and advice of the gentleman from New York (Mr. LAFALCE), my good friend, on this and so many other issues before the committee. I urge adoption of this bill.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. LAFALCE. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of the bill, H.R. 3373, which authorizes the minting and issuance of three commemorative coins. Earlier in this session, the House passed under suspension of the rules both the Lewis and Clark commemorative coin to be minted in the year 2004 and the Leif Ericson commemorative coin to be minted next year, the start of the new millennium. The latter coin will be minted in conjunction with the Republic of Iceland, which will simultaneously mint and issue a coin to commemorate the millennium of Leif Ericson's arrival in the New World, a watershed event in the history of our continent. The third coin will commemorate the Capitol Visitors Center, for which Congress has already appropriated \$100 million that will be supplemented by private funds.

All three coins are supported by the Commemorative Coin Advisory Committee, the U.S. Mint, and fall within the parameters of the Commemorative Coin Reform Act of 1996, which restricts the minting of commemorative coins to not more than two per calendar year.

All coins also pay for themselves and generate proceeds that are devoted to important activities. For instance, the minting and issuance of the Lewis and Clark commemorative coin will be done at no cost to the American tax-

payer, and proceeds from its sale will accrue to the Lewis and Clark Bicentennial Council and the National Park Service. Both of these organizations are currently preparing for the bicentennial celebration of the Lewis and Clark expedition.

Similarly, proceeds from the sale of the Leif Ericson coin will go to the Leifur Eiriksson Foundation for the purpose of funding student exchanges between the United States and Iceland. And, lastly, proceeds from the Capitol Visitors Center coin will accrue to the Capitol Preservation Commission for the purpose of aiding the construction, maintenance, and preservation of a Capitol Visitors Center.

Mr. Speaker, I urge adoption of this bill.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. LEACH. Mr. Speaker, I have no further requests for time, and I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. LAFALCE. Mr. Speaker, I yield such time as he may consume to the gentleman from Minnesota (Mr. MINGE).

Mr. MINGE. Mr. Speaker, I would like to thank the gentleman from New York (Mr. LAFALCE) for yielding me this time.

Mr. Speaker, I rise as a co-chair of the Friends of Norway Caucus and would like to recognize the contributions of Leif Ericson as the original European to set foot in the North American continent and the establishment of permanent settlements by Scandinavian or Icelandic explorers a thousand years ago.

I know that all of us have grown up learning about Christopher Columbus and what he did with his explorations and the so-called "founding" of the New World. But all of us also know that the indigenous residents of this continent had been here for thousands of years before, so it is somewhat of an insult to say that the Europeans "discovered" this continent because it had been discovered for centuries and inhabited.

But, Mr. Speaker, it is interesting to note that there are these various hardy souls that ventured forth from Europe looking for new land, new territory to settle, riches, extending the religious beliefs that they held so dearly. It is also interesting to note that as we approach the year 2000, it is a thousand years since Leif Ericson set foot in what is now thought to be Newfoundland.

It is also interesting to note that these Scandinavian settlers in the Western Hemisphere actually established farmsteads and it is estimated there were as many as 400 of them in Greenland and that these settlements endured for several centuries. In fact, longer than many of the regions of the United States have been settled. So, indeed, European peoples were on the

North American continent and established settlements for centuries before our beloved Christopher Columbus actually set foot here.

Mr. Speaker, I certainly appreciate the bill that has been introduced by my colleagues and the recognition of Leif Ericson's exploits.

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Mr. LEACH. Mr. Speaker, I have no speakers, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. BARR of Georgia). The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Iowa (Mr. LEACH) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 3373.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds having voted in favor thereof) the rules were suspended and the bill was passed.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF MOTIONS TO SUSPEND THE RULES

Mr. DREIER. Mr. Speaker, by direction of the Committee on Rules, I call up House Resolution 374 and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 374

Resolved, That it shall be in order at any time on or before the legislative day of Wednesday, November 17, 1999, for the Speaker to entertain motions to suspend the rules, provided that the object of any such motion is announced from the floor at least one hour before the motion is offered. In scheduling the consideration of legislation under this authority, the Speaker or his designee shall consult with the Minority Leader or his designee.

SEC. 2. Provides that House Resolution 342 is laid on the table.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from California (Mr. DREIER) is recognized for 1 hour.

Mr. DREIER. Mr. Speaker, for the purpose of debate only, I yield the customary 30 minutes to the gentleman from South Boston, Massachusetts (Mr. MOAKLEY); pending which I yield myself such time as I may consume. During consideration of this resolution, all time yielded is for the purpose of debate only.

Mr. Speaker, House Resolution 374 provides for consideration of motions to suspend the rules at any time up to and including the legislative day of Wednesday, November 17. It requires the Speaker to consult with the minority leader on the designation of any matter for consideration under suspension of the rules. Finally, it provides that the subject of any motion to suspend the rules be announced from the floor at least 1 hour prior to its consideration.

Under clause 1 of rule XV of the rules of the House, the Speaker may only entertain motions to suspend the rules on

Mondays, Tuesdays, and the last 6 days of a session. Since the House has not yet passed an adjournment resolution, the last 6 days of this session, we hope we are in the midst of them, it has not yet been determined. Therefore, Mr. Speaker, it is necessary for us to pass this resolution in order to allow the House to consider suspensions tomorrow.

Mr. Speaker, we have nearly completed our business for the first session of the 106th Congress. To tie up the remaining loose ends and prepare to return to our districts, it is imperative to allow ourselves the utmost flexibility in scheduling and considering the few noncontroversial, yet very important, items of business that remain before us.

The resolution is just an extension of the resolution that we passed here in the House on November 3. It is simple, straightforward, and I urge its adoption.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. MOAKLEY. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume, and I thank the gentleman from California (Mr. DREIER), my dear friend, for yielding me the customary half hour.

Mr. Speaker, here we are again considering a rule making every day a suspension day. Under this rule, the Republican leadership can bypass all the House rules and schedule bills at last minute with only 1 hour's notice.

Two weeks ago when we did the identical rule, I asked my Republican colleagues on the Committee on Rules to give us a 2-hour notice, and they so graciously agreed. Last week, something changed.

Last week, I asked my Republican colleagues for 2 hours' notice; instead, they gave me 1 hour's notice. I thought I was going to get that same gracious accommodation that I got last week, but something changed. This week, we get nothing.

The problems with the bills coming up too quickly are really not only limited to the minority. Even the majority Members get only 1 hour's notice on bills that they are presumed to support. Some people actually want to read the bills before they vote on them.

These suspension rules are part of a pattern of bypassing the committee process that my Republican colleagues have turned into a state-of-art form. I just cannot support this rule that will make it even easier for my colleagues on the Republican side to bypass committees and rush bills to the floor with only 1 hour's notice.

So I urge my colleagues to oppose this rule.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. DREIER. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume to say that I suspect that the gentleman's statement was written last week when

we thought we might be considering this. We are not asking for every day to be a suspension day, only one day, tomorrow. This expires tomorrow.

I will say, from having been in contact with the gentleman from Texas (Mr. ARMEY), the majority leader, I know that they want to contact the Members, as I said, at least an hour before and maybe even many hours before suspensions come to the floor.

I guess I should also say that, if we continue to hear a real complaint about this, maybe we will not ever be able to make those kinds of modifications to the rules in the future. But we will always take into consideration the very thoughtful arguments that are propounded by the gentleman from South Boston, Massachusetts (Mr. MOAKLEY).

So I urge my colleagues to support this rule.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time, and I move the previous question on the resolution.

The previous question was ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the resolution.

The question was taken; and the Speaker pro tempore announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

Mr. MOAKLEY. Mr. Speaker, I object to the vote on the ground that a quorum is not present and make the point of order that a quorum is not present.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Evidently a quorum is not present.

The Sergeant at Arms will notify absent Members.

The Chair also announces that there will be a series of 5-minute votes immediately following this vote on H. Res. 374.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 214, nays 202, not voting 17, as follows:

[Roll No. 590]

YEAS—214

Aderholt	Canady	Fowler
Archer	Cannon	Franks (NJ)
Armey	Castle	Frelinghuysen
Bachus	Chabot	Galleghy
Baker	Chambliss	Ganske
Ballenger	Chenoweth-Hage	Gekas
Barr	Coble	Gibbons
Barrett (NE)	Collins	Gilchrest
Bartlett	Combest	Gillmor
Barton	Cook	Gilman
Bass	Cooksey	Goodlatte
Bateman	Cox	Goodling
Bereuter	Crane	Goss
Biggert	Cubin	Graham
Bilbray	Cunningham	Granger
Billirakis	Davis (VA)	Green (WI)
Bliley	Deal	Greenwood
Blunt	DeLay	Gutknecht
Boehlert	DeMint	Hansen
Boehner	Diaz-Balart	Hastings (WA)
Bonilla	Dickey	Hayes
Bono	Doolittle	Hayworth
Brady (TX)	Dreier	Hefley
Bryant	Duncan	Hergert
Burr	Ehlers	Hilleary
Burton	Ehrlich	Hobson
Buyer	Emerson	Hoekstra
Callahan	English	Horn
Calvert	Everett	Hostettler
Camp	Fletcher	Houghton
Campbell	Foley	Hulshof

Hunter	Northup	Shimkus
Hutchinson	Norwood	Shuster
Hyde	Nussle	Simpson
Isakson	Ose	Skeen
Jenkins	Oxley	Smith (NJ)
Johnson (CT)	Packard	Smith (TX)
Jones (NC)	Paul	Souder
Kasich	Pease	Spence
Kelly	Peterson (PA)	Stearns
King (NY)	Petri	Stump
Kingston	Pickering	Sununu
Knollenberg	Pitts	Sweeney
Kolbe	Pombo	Talent
Kuykendall	Porter	Tancredo
LaHood	Portman	Tauzin
Largent	Pryce (OH)	Taylor (NC)
Latham	Radanovich	Terry
LaTourette	Ramstad	Thomas
Lazio	Regula	Thornberry
Leach	Reynolds	Thune
Lewis (CA)	Riley	Tiahrt
Lewis (KY)	Rogan	Toomey
Linder	Rogers	Trafficant
LoBiondo	Rohrabacher	Upton
Lucas (OK)	Ros-Lehtinen	Vitter
Manzullo	Roukema	Walden
McCullum	Royce	Walsh
McCrery	Ryan (WI)	Wamp
McHugh	Ryun (KS)	Watts (OK)
McInnis	Salmon	Weldon (FL)
McIntosh	Sanford	Weldon (PA)
McKeon	Saxton	Weller
Metcalfe	Scarborough	Whitfield
Mica	Schaffer	Wicker
Miller (FL)	Sensenbrenner	Wilson
Miller, Gary	Sessions	Wolf
Moran (KS)	Shadegg	Woolsey
Morella	Shaw	Young (AK)
Myrick	Shays	Young (FL)
Nethercutt	Sherman	
Ney	Sherwood	

NAYS—202

Abercrombie	Doyle	Larson
Allen	Edwards	Lee
Andrews	Engel	Levin
Baird	Eshoo	Lewis (GA)
Baldacci	Etheridge	Lipinski
Baldwin	Evans	Lofgren
Barcia	Farr	Lowey
Barrett (WI)	Fattah	Lucas (KY)
Becerra	Filner	Luther
Bentsen	Forbes	Maloney (CT)
Berkley	Ford	Maloney (NY)
Berry	Frank (MA)	Markey
Bishop	Frost	Martinez
Blagojevich	Gejdenson	Mascara
Blumenauer	Gonzalez	Matsui
Bonior	Goode	McCarthy (MO)
Borski	Gordon	McCarthy (NY)
Boswell	Green (TX)	McDermott
Boucher	Gutierrez	McGovern
Boyd	Hall (OH)	McKinney
Brady (PA)	Hall (TX)	McNulty
Brown (FL)	Hastings (FL)	Meek (FL)
Brown (OH)	Hill (IN)	Meeks (NY)
Capps	Hilliard	Menendez
Capuano	Hinche	Millender
Cardin	Hinojosa	McDonald
Carson	Hoeffel	Miller, George
Clay	Holden	Minge
Clayton	Holt	Mink
Clement	Hooley	Moakley
Clyburn	Hoyer	Mollohan
Coburn	Inslee	Moore
Condit	Jackson (IL)	Moran (VA)
Conyers	Jackson-Lee	Murtha
Costello	(TX)	Nadler
Coyne	Jefferson	Napolitano
Cramer	John	Neal
Crowley	Johnson, E. B.	Oberstar
Cummings	Johnson, Sam	Obey
Danner	Jones (OH)	Olver
Davis (FL)	Kanjorski	Owens
Davis (IL)	Kaptur	Pallone
DeFazio	Kennedy	Pascarell
DeGette	Kildee	Pastor
Delahunt	Kilpatrick	Pelosi
DeLauro	Kind (WI)	Peterson (MN)
Deutsch	Kleczka	Phelps
Dicks	Klink	Pickett
Dingell	Kucinich	Pomeroy
Dixon	LaFalce	Price (NC)
Doggett	Lampson	Rahall
Dooley	Lantos	Rangel

Reyes	Sisisky	Thurman
Rivers	Skelton	Tierney
Rodriguez	Slaughter	Towns
Roemer	Smith (WA)	Turner
Rothman	Snyder	Udall (CO)
Roybal-Allard	Spratt	Udall (NM)
Rush	Stabenow	Velazquez
Sabo	Stark	Vento
Sanchez	Stenholm	Visclosky
Sanders	Strickland	Waters
Sandlin	Stupak	Watt (NC)
Sawyer	Tanner	Weiner
Schakowsky	Tauscher	Wexler
Scott	Taylor (MS)	Weygand
Serrano	Thompson (CA)	Wu
Shows	Thompson (MS)	Wynn

NOT VOTING—17

Ackerman	Hill (MT)	Quinn
Berman	Istook	Smith (MI)
Dunn	McIntyre	Watkins
Ewing	Meehan	Waxman
Fossella	Ortiz	Wise
Gephardt	Payne	

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Messrs. BERRY, ENGEL, RODRIGUEZ and LEVIN changed their vote from “yea” to “nay.”

Messrs. BUYER, NUSSLE and GRAHAM changed their vote from “nay” to “yea.”

So the resolution was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

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ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. BARR of Georgia). Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the Chair will now put the question on each motion to suspend the rules on which further proceedings were postponed earlier today in the order in which that motion was entertained, followed by the motion postponed from last Wednesday and approval of the Journal.

Votes will be taken in the following order: House Resolution 169, by the yeas and nays;

House Concurrent Resolution 165, by the yeas and nays;

House Concurrent Resolution 206, by the yeas and nays;

House Resolution 325, by the yeas and nays;

H.R. 2336, de novo; and

Approval of the Journal, de novo.

The Chair will reduce to 5 minutes the time for any electronic vote in this series.

EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF CONGRESS WITH RESPECT TO DEMOCRACY, FREE ELECTIONS, AND HUMAN RIGHTS IN THE LAO PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The pending business is the question of suspending the rules and agreeing to the resolution, House Resolution 169, as amended.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from New York (Mr. GILMAN) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, House Resolution 169, as amended, on which the yeas and nays are ordered.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 412, nays 1, not voting 20, as follows:

[Roll No. 591]

YEAS—412

Abercrombie	Coyne	Hastings (WA)
Aderholt	Cramer	Hayes
Allen	Crane	Hayworth
Andrews	Crowley	Hefley
Armey	Cubin	Herger
Bachus	Cummings	Hill (IN)
Baird	Cunningham	Hilleary
Baker	Danner	Hilliard
Baldacci	Davis (FL)	Hinche
Baldwin	Davis (IL)	Hinojosa
Ballenger	Davis (VA)	Hobson
Barcia	Deal	Hoefel
Barr	DeFazio	Hoekstra
Barrett (NE)	DeGette	Holden
Barrett (WI)	Delahunt	Holt
Bartlett	DeLauro	Hooley
Barton	DeLay	Horn
Bass	DeMint	Hostettler
Bateman	Deutsch	Houghton
Becerra	Diaz-Balart	Hoyer
Bentsen	Dickey	Hulshof
Bereuter	Dicks	Hunter
Berkley	Dingell	Hutchinson
Berry	Dixon	Hyde
Biggert	Doggett	Inslee
Bilbray	Dooley	Isakson
Bilirakis	Doolittle	Istook
Bishop	Doyle	Jackson (IL)
Blagojevich	Dreier	Jackson-Lee
Bliley	Duncan	(TX)
Blumenauer	Edwards	Jefferson
Blunt	Ehlers	Jenkins
Boehlert	Ehrlich	John
Boehner	Emerson	Johnson (CT)
Bonilla	Engel	Johnson, E. B.
Bonior	English	Johnson, Sam
Bono	Eshoo	Jones (NC)
Borski	Etheridge	Jones (OH)
Boswell	Evans	Kanjorski
Boucher	Everett	Kaptur
Boyd	Farr	Kasich
Brady (PA)	Fattah	Kelly
Brady (TX)	Filner	Kennedy
Brown (FL)	Fletcher	Kildee
Brown (OH)	Foley	Kilpatrick
Bryant	Forbes	Kind (WI)
Burr	Ford	King (NY)
Burton	Fowler	Kingston
Buyer	Frank (MA)	Klecza
Callahan	Franks (NJ)	Klink
Calvert	Frelinghuysen	Knollenberg
Camp	Frost	Kolbe
Campbell	Gallegly	Kucinich
Canady	Ganske	Kuykendall
Cannon	Gejdenson	LaFalce
Capps	Gekas	LaHood
Capuano	Gibbons	Lampson
Cardin	Gilchrest	Lantos
Carson	Gillmor	Largent
Castle	Gilman	Larson
Chabot	Gonzalez	Latham
Chambliss	Goode	LaTourette
Chenoweth-Hage	Goodlatte	Lazio
Clay	Goodling	Leach
Clayton	Gordon	Lee
Clement	Goss	Levin
Clyburn	Graham	Lewis (CA)
Coble	Granger	Lewis (GA)
Coburn	Green (TX)	Lewis (KY)
Collins	Green (WI)	Linder
Combest	Greenwood	Lipinski
Condit	Gutierrez	LoBiondo
Conyers	Gutknecht	Lofgren
Cook	Hall (OH)	Lowey
Cooksey	Hall (TX)	Lucas (KY)
Costello	Hansen	Lucas (OK)
Cox	Hastings (FL)	Luther

Maloney (CT)	Pickering	Smith (WA)
Maloney (NY)	Pickett	Snyder
Manzullo	Pitts	Souder
Markey	Pombo	Spence
Martinez	Pomeroy	Spratt
Mascara	Porter	Stabenow
Matsui	Portman	Stark
McCarthy (MO)	Price (NC)	Stearns
McCarthy (NY)	Pryce (OH)	Stenholm
McCrery	Radanovich	Strickland
McDermott	Rahall	Stump
McGovern	Ramstad	Stupak
McHugh	Rangel	Sununu
McInnis	Regula	Sweeney
McIntosh	Reyes	Talent
McKeon	Reynolds	Tancredo
McKinney	Riley	Tanner
McNulty	Rivers	Tauscher
Meek (FL)	Rodriguez	Tauzin
Meeks (NY)	Roemer	Taylor (MS)
Menendez	Rogan	Taylor (NC)
Mica	Rogers	Terry
Millender-	Rohrabacher	Thompson (CA)
McDonald	Ros-Lehtinen	Thompson (MS)
Miller (FL)	Rothman	Thornberry
Miller, Gary	Roukema	Thune
Miller, George	Roybal-Allard	Thurman
Minge	Royce	Tiahrt
Mink	Rush	Tierney
Moakley	Ryan (WI)	Toomey
Mollohan	Ryun (KS)	Towns
Moore	Sabo	Traficant
Moran (KS)	Salmon	Turner
Moran (VA)	Sanchez	Udall (CO)
Morella	Sanders	Udall (NM)
Murtha	Sandlin	Upton
Myrick	Sanford	Velazquez
Nadler	Sawyer	Vento
Napolitano	Saxton	Visclosky
Neal	Scarborough	Vitter
Nethercutt	Schaffer	Walden
Ney	Schakowsky	Walsh
Northup	Scott	Wamp
Norwood	Sensenbrenner	Waters
Nussle	Serrano	Watt (NC)
Oberstar	Sessions	Watts (OK)
Obey	Shadegg	Weiner
Olver	Shaw	Weldon (FL)
Ose	Shays	Weldon (PA)
Owens	Sherman	Weller
Oxley	Sherwood	Wexler
Packard	Shimkus	Weygand
Pallone	Shows	Whitfield
Pascrell	Shuster	Wicker
Pastor	Simpson	Wilson
Pease	Sisisky	Wolf
Pelosi	Skeen	Woolsey
Peterson (MN)	Skelton	Wu
Peterson (PA)	Slaughter	Wynn
Petri	Smith (NJ)	Young (AK)
Phelps	Smith (TX)	Young (FL)

NAYS—1

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NOT VOTING—20

Ackerman	Hill (MT)	Quinn
Archer	McCollum	Smith (MI)
Berman	McIntyre	Thomas
Dunn	Meehan	Watkins
Ewing	Metcalfe	Waxman
Fossella	Ortiz	Wise
Gephardt	Payne	

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Mr. MALONEY of Connecticut changed his vote from “nay” to “yea.” So (two-thirds having voted in favor thereof) the rules were suspended and the resolution, as amended, was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

The title of the resolution was amended so as to read: “A resolution condemning the Communist regime in Laos for its many human rights abuses.”

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.